[30th March 1959

Committee for Leather Industry and Trade

* 1078 *Q*.—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have completed the consideration of the recommendations made by the Committee for Leather Industry and Trade in 1953; and

(*b*) whether a statement will be placed on the Table of the House containing the list of recommendations and the action taken on each?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Action has been taken on all the recommendations except a few which are still under consideration.

(*b*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

Slum clearance in Madurai town

* 1079 *Q*.—Sri V. SANKARAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Madurai Municipality has made a request to the Government for aid for slum clearance in the Madurai town?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: Yes, Sir.

Opening of rural banks and godown in Madurai District

* 1080 *Q*.—Sri V. SANKARAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the number of large-sized societies, rural banks and godowns opened and to be newly opened in Madurai district and their location during the Second Five-Year Plan period?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: A statement [b] showing the location of large-sized societies (agricultural banks) and godowns in Madurai district is placed on the table of the House.

2. Thirty-two agricultural banks have been organized in the Madurai district. The programme for the formation of agricultural banks under the Second Five-Year Plan has been completed and no more agricultural banks are proposed to be formed in the district during the remaining years of the plan period.

3. Two rural banks, one at Chinnamanur and the other at Othakadai were formed in 1955. The former was subsequently converted into an agricultural bank. There is no scheme for the formation of rural banks under the Second Five-Year Plan.

4. Nine godowns have been constructed by co-operative societies so far, and 16 more are proposed to be constructed under the Plan.

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a Printed as Appendix VII on pages 932–943 infra.

b Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 943–945 infra.